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DISASTER AID CLIMBS TO \$14.7 MILLION; ONE MONTH LEFT TO REGISTER

LEXINGTON, Ky. – One month after May's severe storms thundered through the Bluegrass State, more than **\$14.7 million** is in the hands of disaster survivors who registered for disaster assistance with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The registration deadline is July 12.

Disaster officials from the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management (KYEM) and FEMA urge people to register now, before it's too late.

"The registration deadline is just a month away," said KYEM Director John Heltzel. "We don't want anyone to miss out on getting the disaster assistance they need because they missed the deadline."

Individuals can register with FEMA online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov any time or by calling **800-621-FEMA (3362)** or **TTY 800-462-7585**. The toll-free numbers are staffed seven days a week, 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. EDT. Help is available in many languages.

The following numbers reflect disaster recovery activities as of June 10, one month after President Obama declared Kentucky eligible for federal disaster assistance:

- **4,994** individuals have registered for FEMA assistance.
- Of the **\$14.7 million** in FEMA Individual Assistance, Kentuckians have received more than **\$12.5 million** in housing assistance (e.g. rental assistance, home repair assistance) and nearly **\$ 2.2 million** in other needs (e.g. personal property loss, medical costs, and other serious disaster-related expenses not covered by insurance).
- The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved more than **\$2.4 million** in disaster assistance loans to homeowners, renters and businesses.
- **3,905** home inspections have been completed.
- **1,889** people have visited a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC), where individuals can talk with disaster recovery specialists who can answer questions, review information needed to process an application, and supply contacts for other programs.

"The dollar amount of FEMA assistance for this disaster will continue to climb as more applications for disaster assistance are processed, but time is running out for individuals to register with FEMA," said Federal Coordinating Officer Doug Mayne. "We want to help Kentuckians recover from this disaster as quickly as possible, but we can't help if people don't register for assistance."

If you or someone you know suffered loss or damage from this latest disaster, you are encouraged to document the damage, save any repair receipts and notify your local emergency director.

Applicants who receive SBA loan applications must complete and return them to be considered for FEMA grants that cover personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses. No one is obligated to accept a loan.

Additional counties, and their residents, may be designated for federal disaster assistance at a later date if requested by the Commonwealth and warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

Additional information about this disaster is available at www.fema.gov and www.kyem.ky.gov/currentdisasters

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FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to the SBA to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.